Mr. Thomas P. O'Neill, Speaker
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Dear Mr. O'Neill,

In what I have written you before I wasted time in an effort to be of help to you in meeting the responsibilities you had assumed so that you might not multiply the earlier national trauma over the political assassinations and perhaps not besmirch yourself. No such purpose can now be served and I now have no such purpose.

It appears to be your belief that on becoming Speaker one becomes possessed of instant, total and perfect knowledge. So complete is this state of Speakerly grace that it extends to the staff none of whom have to permit a quest for or interest in truth or fact to intrude upon their lives.

In your indifference to the unselfish offers that have been made to you you have assumed an added responsibility. If this does not get any farthur than one member of your staff then that member of your staff will know that you have a share in the responsibility for the death of an innocent, troubled and sick man who for all practicaly purposes was assassinated by your committee of assassinations. This is not a typogrpahical error. They are not investigating assassinations. They are committing them, beginning with the slaughter or truth, decency anf fact and temporarily ending with that of George de Mohrenschildt.

If deMohrenschildt had a connection with the CIA, as seems probable, have you turned your Philadelphia mafia loose to make that a crime? It has never been a secret that he had served Free French intelligence in World War II and that he had been at the very least in contact with the non-secret CIA station chief J. Walton Moore. As an experienced geologist whose work, with and without government auspices, covered much territory, he was a completely ordinary and entirely proper intelligence source - in any country and for any intelligence service. But what does this or his hardly more than casual acquaintance with Lee Harvey Oswald, months earlier and miles away, have to do with the assassination. And if your Keystone Kops can contort a meaning into this would not that be predicated upon an assumption of what they are to investigate rather than the results of a non-investigation, one not even begun?

Were none of this true how can you justify the Sprague Philadelphia mofioso Gaeton Fonzi going to the home of DeMohrenschildt's daughter and demanding to see him when it was public knowledge that the man had been under psychiatric care and had tried to kill himself twice recently? This man, with whom I've never had any contact because I know of no reason to connect him with the assassination, has been under constant and enormous pressures from all the nuts and self-seekers who have commercialized the assassination. A relatively recent and total and deliberate fabrication that sold more than a million copies has him as the paymaster of the JFK assassination. Was any approach to him justified or necessary at this time even assuming there was relevance? Was any proper without it being through his doctor? If I could tell you more about Fonzi and this committee and its inept and exaggerated plagiarisms, need I do more than ask if this was not in fact a murderous fault for which the House and you have responsibilities?

None of the supposed secrets of the committee are secrets except for headlines. Even in the rare cases when there is any reality. Reporters phone me and before they get to the end I fill this in, almost without exception. Today I was asked about a name masked as McB. While with my increasing age and fatigue and dismay over this utter irresponsibility of the House my memory is not what it was I went back to my 1968 and 1969 records relating to one Harry McBurney and his claim to have lived at Cherry Hill, N.J. with a women he described as a whore and a good one who claimed to have been a Ruby stripper and with the whole bit about the Oswald introduction. What is missing is the McBurney belief as of 1969 that his Cochise, aka Shufer, had fabricated all of this for personal attention.

Whether of not this is the McB of your nurturing it is the same story.

Then there was the involvement, which is to say alleged involvement, of Mafioso Carlos Marcello in the JFK assassination. This is contived by one of the endless thieveries, in this and most case from the most dubious of the irresponsible books. I am sure the reporter will confirm that as soon as I heard the beginning of the story I filled in the rest. It is from the type-set mush of one Peter Noyes. In it a man with a criminal record visited an office on the 17th floor of the Pere Marquette Building in New Orleans. On the same floor but in a different office it is alleged one David Ferrie also had an office and that Ferrie was virtually the same as Carlos Marcello. Well, this second office was that of a lawyer G.Wray Gill for whom Ferrie worked from time to time as an investigator. When Gill successfully defended Marcello on a deportation charge Ferrie was the investigator. How this connects with Jim Garrison, tenuous as the imputed relationships are, is not obscure. How it makes Ferrie an assassin is obscure because he has the world's best alibi - the FBI. He was in attendance on that court the time JFK was killed not in New Orleans but in Dallas. The FBI agent was Regis Kennedy.

I warrant I can so explain away all the allegedly new that is not new, all the nonsesnse that is nonsense, all the cheap flackery that is unrelated to the assassinations, to investigations or in most cases to reality.

Try me, Mr. Speaker, so you may know what you have done. I have none of these records. I know what reporters have read me. Thus I know this committee's reports are frauds, the grossest and most deliberate misleadings of the House and the nation.

Perhaps you may recall the urgent need of protecting the supposedly secret identity of a man who was a key witness in the King assassination. There was with this the great sensation that the FBI had offered him $500,000 to kill Dr. King (albeit it in 1965, not 1968). There are those who credit this sensation, this newest committee investigatory derring-do, with deciding the continuance of the committee. I had to check into that non-secret in 1975. I then had questions about the source and was faced with the certainty that there was no possible relevance. Threats, even real threats, are thousands in number. All these people could not have killed Dr. King. But as with de Mohrehshhildt there is a CIA villain, so in this Baird story the FBI is the villain. Only <u>not</u> before the committee had its need for continuance, regardless of how or at what cost. Then it is apparent that Baird was suspected of being a dynamiter when there was terrible violence and that a normal police testing ensued. Local police, not FBI. I attach his 1975 letter and a relevant current news story.

These are but few of countles examples. I'd be surprised if pretty much the same were not true of each and every bit of puffery pretended to be the result of original committee investigation and general what with politeness is called plagiarism.

May the God who made you omnisciient and who rendered fact irrelevant to you also find mercy for you for what you have done to the country.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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There have been further inquiries I share with you while recording them for the future in my own files.

It seems that after six months you Sherlockian wizards have found one described as the chief nurse at Parkland Hospital. From her it is alleged they learned that more fragments were removed from Governor Connaly's body than are accounted for. In one version it is also represented that then Governor Connally sustained other wounds also not reported.

One could establish whether or not the latter is true, if it is seriously believed, much less expensively than you have arranged and certainly on a more friendly basis by inviting the governor to a Turkish bath. If not by phoning him and/or his wife.

Only ~~km~~ those steeped in ignorance - and after six months this should be a Congressional record for clinging to ignorance - have questions about the fact or the public record on Governor Connally and fragments.

One of his doctors, as I recall Charles Gregory, said what the whole crew of them agreed to in one way or another, that there were more fragments of bullet in his wrist alone than could be account for as missing from the bullet that allegedly caused all seven non-fatal wounds.

There were, of course, still other fragments, also not secret. It is in the publoshed testimony. Also in my first book, which dates to 1965. After the cleansing of the wounds there remains a fragment in the chest and another in the left thigh.

After the dosage of what I suppose they describe as "briefings" you have had for you to support these clowns you must be able to accept anything, the darker the hints the blacker the headlines.

But I do suggest that for there to exist other Connally ~~fragmentsxfragments~~ fragments requires an unprecedented conspiracy. It would have to be monumental in size and entirely without purpose. It would begin with three eminent physicians, a number of other doctors of varying disciplines like radiologists and anaesthesiologists, still others junior in rank and what for a hospital would be a small army of nurses and attendants. This legion would have had to be cued in to a much larger conspiracy in order to be able to conspire effectively - if pointlessly- the moment of the crime.

In the past I have told you that all of this is linked to a six-figure commercial project put together with the committee's lusty participation by Mark Lane. It lingers despite some trouble with his book the proofs of which have reportedly been withdrawn. Your pure of heart Members reportedly almost made him chief counsel. Whatever the House and the public might have thought of this it was not inappropriate for the committee which owes its existence to his fabrications. The committee apparently considered it had not repaid this debt by giving him the work of others after receiving this work with the solemn assurance it would not be given to others, particularly not to him, simply because he, like the committee since then, has never been able to steal straight and to read and understand.

Truth and fact are inadequate, thus after six months nothing has been confirmed and unconfirmed irrelevancies pour out. Truth has to be improved upon. As Jim Garrison used to put it, "objectified."